

VHS Winter Sports Update

Girls Basketball- The Lady Loggers have continued their dominance over the Northwest League and remain undefeated in league play with a 13-0 record following a 60-29 win over Knappa on Tuesday, February 4th.

Head Coach Steve Whiteman has led the Vernonia girls to a 19-1 overall record so far this season, but find themselves ranked just 7th in the OSAA Division 2A polls due to poor strength of schedule.



Meghan Sullivan

The Lady Loggers have cruised to eleven straight wins, including a 44-37 win over league rival Portland Christian on January 21, a 74-42 home victory over Delphian, big away wins at Nestucca and Gaston and a 45-35 victory at Riverdale.

The Lady Loggers play their final home game against Faith Bible on Tuesday, February 11, which will be

senior night.

The first round of state playoffs is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 28th.

Cheerleading- The Vernonia Cheerleading Squad once again took first place in two recent competitions they entered.

The Logger girls finished first at the Crusader Challenge on January 25th and followed that up the next week with another first place finish at the Sheldon Invitational on February 1st.

Coached by Denise Way-Hackett, the VHS Cheer Competition Squad is made up of Jessica Gardner, Nichole Gardner, Courtney Pasko, Megan Schirmeister, Mikila Solberg, and Alexandria Steffler.

Earlier this year the team also took first place at the Laker Rumble in Lake Oswego.

The VHS Squad is now preparing for the State Competition on February 15th at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland.



Mikila Solberg, Courtney Pasko, Nichole Gardner, Megan Schirmeister, Alexandria Steffler and Jessica Gardner.

Boys Basketball- The Logger boys are fighting for a spot in the Northwest League playoffs, but their chances are quickly slipping away after three straight important league losses, including a 61-44 loss at Knappa on Tuesday, February 4th.

Despite playing numerous close



Emil Hardenberg

games this season, the Loggers just don't seem to be able to get over the hump. After a strong 70-53 win at home over Delphian on January 24th, the Loggers went on the road and won 57-56 at Nestucca on January 25th. The Loggers then traveled to Gaston on January 28th where they lost 41-37 followed by a 51-47 loss at Riverdale on January 31st.

The Logger boys will play their final home game of the season on Friday, February 11th when they take on Faith Bible on Senior Night.

Wrestling- The Loggers gave a strong showing at the very competitive Cougar Classic on January 25th. Despite only entering seven wrestlers the Loggers finished a respectable 9th out of 18 teams. Zane Kovelda went 4-1 in the tournament and finished 3rd at 160 pounds.

With just eleven wrestlers currently on their squad from an original group of sixteen, some wrestling in the same weight classes, head coach Chris Barnes and assistant Jake Barnes have had some trouble being competitive in some of their meets. Head coach Barnes says that right now they are focused on getting their wrestlers ready for the District Meet on February 21-22 and hopefully qualifying for the state

meet.

Barnes has three wrestlers at 126 pounds. Jeff Goodman has the potential to be a very special wrestler who works hard and just needs some more confidence and more "swagger" according to Barnes. Justin Fletcher is a freshman who is naturally athletic and strong who needs to develop his technique. Andrew Jennings is good technically but is still developing physically and just needs to develop more mental determination. Barnes expects big things from all three wrestlers next year and Goodman could be a surprise at the District meet.

Jason Bouslaugh has been one of the most improved wrestlers on the team over the last month at 132 pounds. According to Barnes, Bouslaugh is realizing his potential and has a chance to qualify for the state tournament. Bouslaugh has been learning a lot from watching videos and has been improving tremendously as he listens to his coaches.



Zane Kovelda

At 138 pounds Jake Harbour is big and strong, and has been gaining experience and improving his wrestling instincts. Daniel Rice is an athletic and excellent technical wrestler who is having a lot of success by following his coaches instructions. Barnes hopes to see big improvements from both of them next season.

Damian Young has had some big moments at 145 pounds, pinning some of the top ranked wrestlers in the state. "He has won some big matches and been improving tremendously," says Barnes. Known for his strong work ethic, Young has been battling a knee injury but is hopefully ready for District where he should compete for a spot at State. Michael Bouslaugh has wrestled at 145 and has also moved up to 152 pounds. Barnes says Bouslaugh is a tough kid

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